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For: GUIDEWIRE COMPATIBLE PORT AND )  
METHOD FOR INSERTING SAME )

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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner co-pending application Serial No. 09/231,075, filed January 14, 1999, and the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being along with the filing of the above-referenced application.

The listed documents were previously considered by the Examiner during the prosecution of parent application Serial No. 08/941,919, filed October 1, 1997, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Therefore, a copy of each of these documents should be in the U.S. Patent Office file for the parent application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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